

expenses, including passage fares.

If sufficient monies are not sent into our missionary treasury to meet current expenses, the Mission Board is faced with a dilemma — a choice between keeping missionaries waiting for salary payments, or using special monies, ear-marked for special projects, to meet the pressing demand.

If our missionary giving becomes unbalanced, our missionary programme will also become unbalanced.

To meet the demands of our missionary enterprise as it now operates, we need more than \$2,000 a month. Consequently, support must be steady and generous if we are to continue the missionary advance.

It is the hope of the Mission Board that interest in special missionary projects will continue to increase. But there must, of necessity, be a concerted and consecrated effort made by all concerned toward the regulating of our missionary giving.

THE LEAKAGE OF SPIRITUAL POWER

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liveliness of mere animal spirits, and not of the Holy Spirit. I do not mean by this that a man who is filled with the power of the Spirit will never make men laugh. He will. He may say tremendously funny things. But he will not be doing it just to have a good time. It will come naturally. It will not be "dragged in on all fours," and it will be done in the fear of God, and not in a spirit of lightness and jesting.

He who wants a meeting of life and power should remember that there is no substitute for the Holy Ghost. He is life. He is power. And if He is sought in earnest faithful prayer, He will come, and when He comes the little meeting will be mighty in its results.

The Holy Spirit should be earnestly sought in earnest secret prayer. Jesus said, "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matt. 6:6). He will do it; bless His holy name!

I know of a man who, if possible, gets alone with God for an hour before every meeting, and when he speaks it is with the power and demonstration of the Spirit.

The man who wants power, just when it is most needed, must walk with God. He must be a friend of God. He must keep the way always open between his heart and God. God will be the friend of such a man, and will show him how to get at the hearts of men. God will make dark things light and crooked places straight and rough places smooth for that man. God will be on his side and help him.

Such a man must keep a constant watch over his mouth and his heart. David prayed: "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips (Ps. 141:3); and Solomon said: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23). He must walk in unbroken communion with God. He must cultivate a spirit of joyful recollection by which he will be always conscious that he is in the presence of God.

"Delight thyself also in the Lord" (Ps. 37:4), said the Psalmist. Oh, how happy is that man who finds God to be his delight; who is never lonely, because He knows God, talks with God, delights in God; who feels how lovable God is, and gives himself up to loving, serving, trusting God with all his heart!

Comrade, "Quench not the Spirit" (I Thess. 5:19), and He will lead you thus to know and love God, and God will make you the instrument of His own power.

—Helps to Holiness

THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

G. B. Williamson, D.D., in "Herald of Holiness"

A thoughtful layman said, "For a church to change pastors is to trade the imperfections of one man for those of another." None are faultless. Some excel in one point, some in another. All should capitalize on their excellencies and seek to improve their deficiencies. Every church deserves the best pastor available. But it is an inescapable fact that most of the work is done by men of average capability.

The church is well favored which has a pastor who has one of the essentials for greatness and who is of passing grade at the others. By loyalty to him and dedication to the total program of the church the people will witness the prosperity of the Kingdom. On the contrary, those who do nothing but magnify the pastor's faults do him an injustice, discount the success of the church, and inflict deep injury upon themselves.

The office of the pastor is a sacred calling. It should be respected and honored by all. One cannot be contemptuous of the person without degrading the high calling.

This exalted conception of the ministry lays great responsibility on the pastor as the prophet of God and the shepherd of the flock. It calls for absolute dedication to the will of God. It places all his powers under tribute to obedience to the "heavenly vision."

Preparation commensurate with his opportunity and capacity is included in his consecration. Training begun in institutions of higher learning must be continued for a lifetime. Opportunities for self-improvement should be neither scorned nor neglected. The best is not good enough for the greatest of all vocations. Nevertheless, an adapted program of specialized training should be provided for those who were tardy in their response to God's call or who are of limited capacity for the mastery of varied and related studies. Colleges and a seminary are a necessity for a denomination which has an eye to future growth. But a church which is designed to heal broken hearts and set captive spirits free will have need for many one- and two-talent men. Therefore a program of training adapted to their preparation for effective Bible preaching is a necessity.

There is a place for many men who have the best in preparation, but there will always be a place for dedicated men with limitations. Each should appreciate the other.

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cripple, he will chill.

There are various ways and times to conduct the family altar. One well-known evangelist insists on family prayer at the breakfast table. A Christian educator memorizes Scriptures at his family altar. Instead of a chart for brushing teeth, the members of the family receive stars for memorizing Scriptures. A "Bread of Life" Bible promise was read aloud by several students in a Bible School which I attended.

Daniel Webster said:—"If there is anything in my thought or style to commend, the credit is due my parents, for instilling in me an early love of the Scriptures. If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible our country will go on prospering and to prosper, but if we and our posterity neglect its instruction and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity."

The family altar is a must for every home and to be without it is to open the door to doom.

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